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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL PROTECTION FOR PERUVIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON

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1. EMBOFF CALLED JANUARY 7 ON FONMINISTRY DIRECTOR FOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS TO RELAY WASHINGTON RESPONSE TO GOP REQUEST FOR 4-HOUR PROTECTION OF PERUVIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

2. DIRECTOR THANKED U.S. FOR PROMPT RESPONSE, BUT STILL WONDERED WHETHER USG WAS PROVIDING RECIPROCITY FOR 24-HOUR GUARDS PLUS PERIODIC PATROL CAR PROTECTION THAT GOP OFFERS U.S. EMBASSY AND AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN LIMA. HEAD OF AMERICAN DEPARTMENT, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, WONDERED HOW PROTECTION PROVIDED GOP EMBASSY COMPARED WITH THAT GIVEN OTHER EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON.

3. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION WAS THE SIZE, NATURE AND IMMEDIACY OF THE THREATS. HE UNDERLINED THAT IN OPINION OF U.S. SECURITY EXPERTS, THE TYPE OF COVERAGE PROVIDED PERUVIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON WAS SUPERIOR TO 24-HOUR STATIONARY GUARDS. EMBOFF DISCLAIMED TECHNICAL ANY EXPERTISE, BUT POINTED OUT THAT IT MUST COMPLICATE THE MISSION OF A WOULD-BE TERRORIST TO HAVE THREE DIFFERENT TYPES OF PATROLS AT FREQUENT BUT UNPREDICTABLE INTERVALS. AS TO COMPARABILITY, EMBOFF BELIEVED THAT WASHINGTON, LIKE LIMA, ALLOCATED RESOURCES TO PROTECT ITS DIPLOMATIC GUESTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THREATS TO THEM. NO ONE COULD GUARANTEE ABSOLUTE PROTECTION, BUT

U.S. EXPERTS THOUGHT PROTECTION IN WASHINGTON WAS THE VERY BEST WE
COULD PROVIDE.

4. DIRECTOR SAID HE WOULD GIVE U.S. REPLY TO FONMIN DE LA FLOR
AND WOULD LET US KNOW IF GOP WISHED TO PURSUE FURTHER THE
MATTER OF 24-HOUR STATIONARY GUARDS.
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